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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

The importance of broadband infrastructure to the economic recovery of our country is unquestioned. And all agree that we need broadband investment to ensure the future global competitiveness of Ohio and our nation.

Unfortunately, recent comments about new regulations and other constraints on the Internet—and particularly on wireless service—are counter to these truths. I am deeply concerned because a policy of 'network neutrality' will limit much needed investment in infrastructure, stifle innovation, and not serve consumers.

In Ohio broadband access and adoption have been growing dramatically in just the last few years thanks to a tremendous amount of private investment and the introduction of new technologies like faster wireless data service. A 2008 study by ConnectOhio shows that more than 90 percent of Ohio's residents have access to high-speed broadband service, and that number continues to get closer to the 100 percent mark.

In Ohio individuals and business are taking advantage of these resources to energize their businesses and simplify their lives. The same ConnectOhio study shows that one out of every ten companies here earns half of their sales on-line. Broadband and wireless investment is bringing much need jobs to our local economies.

A 2009 study by Dr. Jack Kleinhenz shows that between 15,000 and 30,000 Ohio jobs are supported or created annually across all industries due to investment in broadband. I strongly urge you to consider these growth and economic development issues when considering these unprecedented regulations of broadband service.

The Internet is working today and is growing for tomorrow. Changing course now would be a terrible mistake.

Sincerely,

Scott Schweitzer
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